

## **BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)**

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:36 P.M.

### **Those Present Were:**

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS Director; Dave Harran, Bay City; Dan Hansford, Essexville; Tom Foret, Hampton Township; Gary Brandt, Monitor Township; Mike Niederquell, Wade Trim; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Sue Fortune, EMCOG; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Terry Moulane, Bay City; Jim Koenig, MDOT; Adam Rivard, MDOT Bay City, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary, BCATS Staff.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Engelhardt pointed out that there was a correction needed for the minutes on page #2 under Public Hearing for Amendment to BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Jim Lillo should be listed as the BCATS Policy Committee Chairman, not the President. There were a few other instances of Jim as President which needed to be corrected. It was moved by Foret, seconded by Hansford, to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013 as amended. Motion Passed.

### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

### **Bay Metro Update:**

Sprague was not present and no update was given.

### **BCATS 2011-14 TIP Amendments:**

Engelhardt provided everyone with a handout of the proposed MDOT amendment to the BCATS 2011-14 TIP. The requested change to the TIP will affect FY 2013. The MDOT TIP Amendment is to add wide shoulders work on M-25. The MDOT project needs to be added to the 2011-14 TIP and as it is a new Federally Funded Project it is an amendment. Engelhardt had concerns that the amendment is taking place late in the approved TIP amendment cycle, and was uncertain it would make through FHWA approval in time to obligate the funds in FY 2013. The Bay County Road Commission project on North Union has a very minor scope change. The North Union project description should read shoulders rather than bike lanes on both sides. Engelhardt asked if everyone had a chance to check all their other project descriptions in the 2014-17 TIP. Everyone had and there were no other changes needed at this time.

A motion was made by Moulane, seconded by Brandt, to approve the MDOT amendment to the BCATS 2011-14 TIP to include the wide shoulder work on the M-25 Project and to receive the notice of the administrative modification on N. Union. Motion passed.

### **BCATS Vice-Chair Position:**

Engelhardt asked for nominations to replace Jim Bedell as the BCATS Policy Committee Vice-Chair. Bedell has left his employment with the City of Bay City, leaving the position vacant. Dan Hansford had previously indicated his willingness at the BCATS Technical Committee meeting to be considered for this position. Lillo opened the meeting to entertain nominations for the Vice-Chair position. The request was made three times. Seeing that Dan Hansford was the only nomination, Lillo closed the nominations and cast an unanimous

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ballot for Dan Hansford to be elected as the Vice-Chairman of the BCATS Policy Committee. Everyone was in favor.

### **Regional Prosperity Initiative:**

Engelhardt informed everyone that there would be an EMCOG-GLS-SEMOG Regional Prosperity Meeting taking place on August 26, 2013 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Flint Mass Transportation Authority, 1401 South Dort Highway, Flint, MI 48503. Engelhardt discussed that there was still not much information about this initiative or how it would impact MPO's. At this point no one is quite sure what the overall implications are or will ultimately be for this initiative. Engelhardt has provided everyone with a link to the Regional Prosperity Initiative map that outlines the regions.

### **Project Updates:**

The ***Independence Bridge*** is out of service until Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The ***M-13/M-84/Salzburg Road Project*** will have the intersection part completed by September 2013, before sugar beet season with full construction completed by November 2013.. The project is three weeks behind as there is still a matter of getting the water passed for this project, which will hopefully happen today. The ***Midland Road Project*** is going to be paved today and will be open to traffic by August 30, 2013 in time for the starting of school. The ***Beaver Road Project*** is a two mile stretch of road and is on schedule. The pipe is all in between Mackinaw and Fraser. The Mackinaw to Old Beaver is next for pipe installation. The contractor is getting it ready for the "cold in place" asphalt portion. ***Euclid Avenue*** is scheduled for some "bump grinding" work. The ***North Union Road Project*** will be turned in by August 23, 2013 and will start next year. The ***MDOT US-10/M-47 Interchange Project*** will be started next year. Lillo said that the Road Commission plans to be done with their project in this area before this new MDOT project starts. The ***I-75 Project*** will continue after Labor Day, however there will be no traffic shifts. This project is expected to be completed by December 15, 2013. There will be some closures on ***I-675*** after November 15, 2013 due to ramp improvements and detours for the I-75 traffic have yet to be determined.

### **Other/New Business:**

#### ***MDOT Handout:***

Engelhardt gave everyone a handout titled "Getting Involved MDOT STIP/TIP".

#### ***Bay County Transportation Planner:***

Engelhardt informed everyone that the county has hired Jay Anderson as the new Bay County Transportation Planner and he will start work on September 9, 2013.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Brandt, seconded by Foret, to adjourn the August 21, 2013 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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